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Week In Review

Paris climate agreement goes into force

The Paris climate agreement formally took effect on Friday, at a key time for international cooperation on global warming. International officials will have a close eye on the U.S. election, hoping to see Hillary Clinton continue to push for action on climate change, as opposed to Donald Trump, who has said he would "cancel" the Paris deal.

On Tuesday, China's top climate envoy criticized Trump for his stance on the deal, saying, "I believe a wise political leader should take policy stances that conform with global trends."

Countries will have to take even more ambitious stands against greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in order to reach the goal of keeping average temperature increases below 2 degrees Celsius, according to a United Nations report released Thursday.

Florida solar advocates push back against ballot measure

Election Day also carries significant repercussions for solar power in Florida. Opponents of the controversial "Amendment 1" statewide ballot measure dug in their heels, saying it was an anti-solar provision cloaked in pro-solar language.

The measure codifies homeowners' right to generate electricity with rooftop solar panels in the state constitution, but former Gov. and Sen. Bob Graham said the amendment doesn't give residents or lawmakers any rights they don't have. The amendment also calls on officials to prevent non-solar homeowners from subsidizing owners of rooftop panels, which Graham said could prompt a fee on rooftop solar.

Opponents asked the state Supreme Court on Wednesday to reopen a case alleging the ballot measure uses misleading language, after a think tank policy director described the measure as "political jiu-jitsu" that "would completely negate anything they (pro-solar interests) would try to do either legislatively or constitutionally down the road."

Pipeline explodes in Alabama; House Democrats call for investigation

A pipeline operated by Colonial Pipeline Co. exploded in Shelby County, Ala., on Monday, killing one and injuring five others. The same company shut down a portion of the pipeline in September after it spilled about 250,000 gallons of oil. The company said Thursday that the pipeline should be fixed and operational by Sunday.

Democrats on the House Energy and Commerce Committee called on Wednesday for a Department of Transportation investigation into the company's practices.

Obama says Army Corps looking to "re-route" Dakota Access pipeline

President Obama said the Army Corps of Engineers "is examining whether there are ways to re-route" the controversial Dakota Access pipeline, avoiding the area where the Standing Rock Sioux oppose its construction.

Obama did not take sides when asked about violent confrontations between protesters and the police.

"There is an obligation for protesters to be peaceful, and there's an obligation for authorities to show restraint," he said.

IARC scientist temporarily resigned over public-records tension

A scientist who worked with the France-based International Agency for Research on Cancer briefly resigned from a working group after the agency told researchers they did not need to comply with U.S. public-records requests, according to an email obtained by Morning Consult. The initial research group had published a study that found the widely used herbicide glyphosate could cause cancer in humans. That led to a spree of public-

records requests and subpoenas by lawyers for Monsanto, which uses the product in its "Roundup" weed killer.

Mississippi State University Associate Professor Matt Ross, who was slated to participate in the next research group on separate substances, said his school had received a records request that it "cannot ignore or dismiss," and temporarily resigned until he was convinced there was no conflict of interest.

What's Ahead

Leaders from nearly 200 countries will meet in Marrakesh, Morocco, Monday through Friday for the annual meeting of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, essentially a follow-up meeting for the Paris agreement.

Tuesday is Election Day. In addition to the presidential and congressional races, energy and environmental interests will have an eye on the Florida ballot measure on solar power (Amendment 1) and the Washington State ballot measure establishing a carbon tax (Initiative 732).

Control of the Senate is up for grabs, putting the chairmanship of some energy-focused committees in doubt. Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wy.) is next in line to lead the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, taking over for term-limited Chairman Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), if Republicans maintain their majority. If Democrats win, Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.) will have to decide whether to lead EPW or the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) hopes to retain her gavel. If Democrats win the majority, Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) is in line to chair the committee, and Murkowski will be term-limited as ranking member, passing the reins to Barrasso.

Mark Your Calendars (All Eastern Times)

Monday

22nd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations
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FERC holds a conference on utilization of organized markets of
electric storage **10 a.m.**

Bracewell's Policy Resolution Group holds webinar on election
results **10:30 a.m.**

Thursday

22nd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations
Framework Convention on Climate Change

Alia Mohammed, Senior Analyst for Energy Security at the U.S.
Department of Energy, speaks at Columbia University's Center
on Global Energy Policy **12:30 p.m.**

Friday

22nd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations
Framework Convention on Climate Change

Morning Consult Energy Top Reads

- 1)** In historic agreement, nations create the world's largest marine reserve in Antarctica
Chelsea Harvey, The Washington Post
- 2)** Dems call for probe of company after Alabama pipeline blast
Devin Henry, The Hill
- 3)** China slams Trump over plan to exit climate deal
John Siciliano, Washington Examiner
- 4)** UN: Paris Agreement Policies Not Enough to Reach Climate Change Goals
Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consult
- 5)** Backers of Paris climate pact play down Trump threat to deal as election looms
Alister Doyle, Reuters
- 6)** Elon Musk wants to sell you a better-looking solar roof
Ivan Penn and Russ Mitchell, Los Angeles Times
- 7)** Why Hollywood, environmentalists and Native Americans have converged on North Dakota
Steven Mufson, The Washington Post
- 8)** Cross-country trips in electric cars are about to get easier
Brian Fung, The Washington Post
- 9)** America's Energy Revolution Hits a Historic Milepost
Eric Roston, Bloomberg News

10) World's Priciest Gas Is Bound for One U.S. Region This Winter
Naureen Malik, Bloomberg News



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